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FM USDEL MTN GENEVA

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ACTION STR

FOR LANDE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: US/EC CONSULTATIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS

REF: FEKETEKUTY-CULBERT TELECON JANUARY 29

1. PER REF TELECON, WE ASKED ABBOTT (EC) JANUARY 29
IF EC AGREEABLE CONSULT WITH LANDE IN BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 5.
ABBOTT TOLD US JANUARY 30 PHAN VAN PHI'S SCHEDULE FULLY
COMMITTED THAT WEEK (HE WILL BE IN PARIS FEB 3 AND 4
FOR OECD TRADE COMMITTEE AND HAS INTERNAL EC COORDINATION
MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS FEB 5 AND 6). PHAN VAN PHI OFFERED
TWO ALTERNATIVES: (A) IF U.S. WILLING ENGAGE IN LESS
DETAILED CONSULTATIONS THAN PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED, THIS
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MIGHT BE DONE IN PARIS FEB 3 OR 4 ON MARGIN OF OECD

MEETING E.G. AT LUNCH, OR (B) DEFER BILATERAL UNTIL FEBRUARY 11 EITHER IN BRUSSELS OR, IF MORE CONVENIENT TO U.S., IN GENEVA.

2. ABBOTT COMMENTED THAT SINCE EC COUNCIL SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 10 FOR, INTERALIA, FIRST REACTIONS OF MEMBER STATES TO COMMISSIONS'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS PROPOSAL, A BILATERAL MEETING WITH U.S. ON FEBRUARY 11 MIGHT GIVE PHAN VAN PHI A "BETTER FEEL" FOR PROBABLE CONTENTS OF EC OFFER (BUT HE CAUTIONED IT IS NOT CERTAIN MEMBER STATES WILL BE READY TO REACT IN ANY DEFINITIVE WAY AS EARLY AS FEB. 10).

3. WE UNDERSTAND LANDE SCHEDULED BE IN PARIS FOR CIEC FEBRUARY 9-11 AND HAVE ACCORDINGLY ASKED ABBOTT TO ASCERTAIN IF PHAN VAN PHI COULD MEET IN BRUSSELS OR GENEVA FEB. 12.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE BOTH USEC AND MTN DEL GENEVA RE LANDE'S PREFERENCES AS TO DATE AND SITE. GRAEF AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN MEETING EITHER HERE OR BRUSSELS BUT BELIEVE UNNECESSARY IF LANDE OPTS FOR MORE INFORMAL LUNCHEON MEETING IN PARIS. WALKER

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